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VICTORIA'S police union has called for action to deal with vehicular threats in the city, a year after the Bourke Street tragedy which killed six people and injured 27 more.

"The (Victoria Police) pursuit policy does not account for the need to resolve a vehicle incursion into the city of Melbourne," Police Association Victoria secretary Wayne Gatt told the *Herald Sun*.

"What is the plan for vehicle incursions? ... The use of vehicles (as a weapon) is a worldwide trend," he said.

"For some pursuits, backing off is the right decision. (In others) the risk of doing nothing will be worse than taking decisive action," Mr Gatt said.

The Police Association wants the State Government and Victoria Police command to adopt recommendations it made about police pursuits two years ago, which are yet to be implemented.

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BOMBER PUNTED IN JAIL DRAMA

EXCLUSIVE AFL GREAT REFUSED VISIT TO INMATE INVOLVED IN DRUGS AND SEX WORK

ALEX WHITE, TOM MINEAR AND MARK BUTTLER

TROUBLED football great Mark "Bomber" Thompson was turned away from an immigration detention centre after trying to visit an inmate involved in drugs and sex work.

The *Herald Sun* can reveal that late last year Thompson arrived at the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre, where he was recognised by staff and visitors.

The former star player and coach was seeking to visit a foreign-born criminal awaiting deportation after being linked to drugs and "sex work-type activities", sources say. One said he was delivering a "pink case" to the inmate, but was denied entry.

It is not clear why security guards turned Thompson away.

The revelation comes after Thompson was last week swept up in a Victoria Police drug trafficking investigation when his converted warehouse in Port Melbourne was raided.

Family, friends and former teammates have since raised concerns for the wellbeing of the former Essendon captain, who coached Geelong to two premierships.

Immigration detention is used to lock up "high-risk unlawful non-citizens" who are without a valid visa and are awaiting deportation.

Authorities consider whether such people present a risk to the public before detaining them.

Under Australian Border Force rules, visitors to an immigration detention centre must submit to strict security screening, which may include X-ray scans and the use of dogs trained to detect substances. Visitors "under the influence of alcohol or drugs" may also be turned away.

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